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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The captioned application is U.S. Serial No. 10/040,396, filed December 28, 2001.

Before action, please amend the captioned application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-5 without prejudice. Please add the following scannable version
of new claims 6-48.

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6 6. A customizable application system comprising:
7 an application execution system configured to support an internet application, the internet
8 application including metadata configured for use in generating an application
9 user interface, the application execution system including,
10 a) a user interface generator configured to generate the application user
11 interface, and
12 b) a web application server configured to deliver the application user
13 interface to a client;
14 an application development system configured to generate the metadata, the metadata
15 being further configured to characterize a user customizable find
16 command included in the application user interface;
17 a configuration system including a configuration engine and a configuration interface, the
18 configuration interface configured to modify configuration data further
19 characterizing the user customizable find command; and
20 a data repository including a data record for storing the configuration data, the data
21 record being accessible using the metadata.

1 7. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein the user customizable find command
2 is user configurable to search data displayed in the application user interface.

1 8. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein the user customizable find command
2 is user configurable to search all rows associated with a result, a subset of all rows being
3 displayed in the application user interface.

- 1 9. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein the user customizable find command
- 2 is alternatively configurable to search only data displayed in the application user interface
- 3 or to search all rows associated with a result, a subset of all rows being displayed in the
- 4 application user interface.
- 1 10. The customizable application system of claim 9, wherein the result is a result of a query.
- 1 11. The customizable application system of claim 9, wherein the result is a result of a find
- 2 command.
- 1 12. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein the application user interface is
- 2 configured for display at the client using standard web browser protocols.
- 1 13. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein the user customizable find
- 2 command is configurable to search a subset of all rows associated with a result, the
- 3 search being responsive to the identity of a user.
- 1 14. The customizable application system of claim 6, wherein a customizable state of the user
- 2 customizable find command persists from one use of the application user interface to
- 3 another use of the application user interface.

2 an application execution system configured to support an internet application, the internet
3 application including metadata configured for generating a plurality of application
4 user interfaces each having a user customizable find command, the application
5 execution system having,

- 6 a) a user interface generator configured to generate at least one of the
7 plurality of application user interface, and
8 b) a web application server configured to deliver least one of the plurality
9 of application user interfaces to a client,

10 the user customizable find command being alternatively configurable to search all
11 of a result or to search only a subset of the result, the subset of the result
12 being displayed in at least one of the application user interfaces;

13 a personalization system including a personalization engine and a user profile interface,
14 the personalization system configured to modify personalization data
15 characterizing the user customizable find command such that the user
16 customizable find command is modified in more than one of the plurality of
17 application user interfaces; and

18 a data repository including a data record for storing the personalization data, the data
19 record being accessible using the metadata.

1 16. The customizable application system of claim 15, wherein the result is a result of a query.

1 17. The customizable application system of claim 15, wherein the result is a result of a find
2 command.

1 18. The customizable application system of claim 15, wherein at least one of the plurality of
2 application user interfaces is configured for display at the client using standard web
3 browser protocols.

1 19. The customizable application system of claim 15, wherein the user customizable find
2 command is responsive to the identity of a user.

1 20. The customizable application system of claim 15, wherein a customizable state of the user
2 customizable find command persists from one use of the application user interface to
3 another use of the application user interface.

1 21. A customizable application system comprising:
2 an application execution system configured to support an internet application;
3 an application user interface including a user interface element, the application user
4 interface being configured as an interface between the internet application and a
5 client and being configured for delivery to the client over a computer network, the
6 user interface element including a find command user customizable with respect
7 to a scope of data searched;
8 metadata characterizing the find command; and
9 a data repository including a data record further characterizing the find command, the
10 data record being user modifiable and being accessible using the metadata.

1 22. The customizable application system of claim 21, whercin the data searched is a result of a
2 query or is a result of a find command.

1 23. The customizable application system of claim 21, wherein the find command is alternatively
2 customizable to search data displayed in the application user interface or to search all
3 rows associated with a result, a subset of all rows being displayed in the application user
4 interface.

1 24. The customizable application system of claim 21, wherein the application user interface is
2 configured for display at the client using standard web browser protocols.

1 25. The customizable application system of claim 21, further including a personalization system
2 configured to modify the data record.

1 26. The customizable application system of claim 21, wherein the application user interface is
2 configured for display at the client using features of a web browser, the features not
3 requiring a browser add-on, plug-in, or extension.

1 27. The customizable application system of claim 21, wherein the find command is configurable
2 according to an identity of the client or to an identity of a user.

1 28. The customizable application system of claim 21, further including means for generating the
2 application user interface using the metadata.

1 29. The customizable application system of claim 21, further including an application server
2 configured to support the internet application.

accessing a page definition, the page definition including metadata characterizing a customized property of the find command, the customized property including a scope of a search;

accessing a data record using the metadata, the data record being stored in a data repository and being user modifiable, the data repository being physically remote from a client used to display the application user interface;

retrieving a value defining the customized property from the data record;

generating markup-language responsive to the retrieved value and responsive to the page definition; and

including the generated markup-language in the application user interface.

36. The method of claim 35, wherein the find command is configured to search a result of a query.

37. The method of claim 35, wherein the scope of a search includes data rows displayed in a table.

38. The method of claim 35, further including displaying the application user interface at the client using standard web browser protocols.

39. The method of claim 35, further including customizing the data record using a configuration system.

- 1 40. The method of claim 35, wherein the step of accessing a data record is responsive to the
- 2 identity of the client or the identity of a user.
- 1 41. The method of claim 35, wherein the find command is alternatively customizable to search
- 2 only data displayed in the application user interface or to search all rows associated with
- 3 a result, a subset of all rows being displayed in the application user interface.
- 1 42. The method of claim 35, wherein the find command is alternatively customizable to search a
- 2 maximum number of rows associated with a result or to search all rows associated with a
- 3 result.
- 1 43. The method of claim 35, wherein the client is a wireless system.
- 1 44. A method of searching data rows, a subset of the data rows being displayed in an application
- 2 user interface associated with an internet application, the method comprising the steps of:
- 3 generating the application user interface using a page definition, the page definition
- 4 including metadata characterizing a customizable property of a find command, the
- 5 customizable property including a scope of a search of the data rows, the
- 6 application user interface including the find command, the find command being
- 7 configured responsive to a user modifiable data record; and
- 8 performing the search of the data rows using the find command, the scope of the search
- 9 being responsive to the customizable property of the find command.
- 1 45. The method of claim 44, wherein the scope of the search of the data rows is alternatively
- 2 customizable to include only data rows displayed in the application user interface or to

3 include all data rows, a subset of all data rows being displayed in the application user
4 interface.

1 46. The method of claim 44, further including displaying the application user interface using
2 features of a web browser, the features not requiring a browser add-on, plug-in, or
3 extension.

1 47. The method of claim 44, wherein the scope of the search of the data rows is responsive to an
2 identity of a user.

1 48. An application execution system comprising:
2 means for supporting an internet application;
3 means for generating an application user interface using a user modifiable data record
4 configured to store data characterizing a user customizable find command, the
5 user customizable find command being customizable with respect to the scope of
6 a search; and
7 means for providing the application user interface to a user, the application user interface
8 including a user interface element, the application user interface configured as an
9 interface between the internet application and the user, the user interface element
10 including the user customizable find command, the user interface element
11 configured for delivery to a client over a computer network.

REMARKS

The present application is U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/040,396 (hereinafter the “‘396 Application”). This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to receipt of the first Office Action. The ‘396 Application contained claims 1-5, which are canceled by this amendment without prejudice. In addition, this Preliminary Amendment adds new claims 6-48. Therefore, claims 6-48 are presented for consideration. No new matter has been added by these amendments. All the pending claims comply with all the requirements of 35 U.S.C. Accordingly, Applicant requests examination and allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this Amendment and to examine the pending claims. The Examiner is respectfully urged to consider the claimed invention at the earliest time possible and issue a favorable action indicating the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone Applicant's undersigned representative at the number given below.

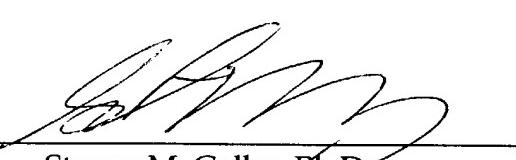
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